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O 111325Z MAY 74
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7026
INFO USINT DAMASCUS NIACT IMMEDIATE
AMMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE 1099
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FOR TAGS, EO AND SUBJECT LINE)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (PRINCE FAHD) PFOR, ENRG, SA
SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD TO U.S.

REF A) STATE 69226; B) RIYADH 021

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HOPES TO RECEIVE BY COB MAY 13 OUTLINE OF
SCHEDULE AND PROPOSALS FOR PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO U.S.
THE SOONER THIS CAN BE PASSED TO PRINCE THE BETTER.
EMBASSY WILL INFORM WASHINGTON OF PRINCE'S ETD AND OF
FINAL COMPOSITION SAUDI DELEGATION ASAP. SECRETARY HAS
ASKED AMBASSADOR TO RETURN FOR FAHD'S VISIT. PRINCE'S
TRAVEL MAY CONFLICT WITH ARRIVAL IN JIDDA OF GERMAN
DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS IN RIYADH MAY 9, SECRETARY
KISSINGER INVITED PRINCE FAHD TO VISIT WASHINGTON
MAY 25. SECRETARY SAID HE ASSUMED PRINCE WOULD
WANT TO ARRIVE A DAY OR TWO EARLY, AND ADDED PRINCE WOULD,
OF COURSE, STAY AT BLAIR HOUSE. PRINCE AGREED AND
SAID HE WOULD ARRIVE MAY 22. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR DISPARITY
IN PRESS REPORTS: US PRESS SAYING PRINCE WILL ARRIVE
MAY 24, AND SAUDI MEDIA THAT HE WILL ARRIVE ON 22ND.

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IF MEETINGS ARE TO LAST TWO DAYS, WE ASSUME THIS WOULD BE

FOR MAY 23-24, NOT, RPT NOT, MAY 24-25. PLEASE CONFIRM.
IN ADDITION, SAQQAF AT AIRPORT IN RIYADH SAID VISIT
WOULD START ON THE 22ND. TRANSLATOR, IN EFFORT TO
AVOID APPEARANCE OF SAQQAF CORRECTING THE SECRETARY WHO
HAD JUST SPOKEN OF VISIT ON MAY 24, SAID "ON OR AFTER
THE 22ND OF MAY-- IN ACTUAL FACT THE 24TH. (REFTEL B).

2. AMBASSADOR ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IF POST

COULD RECEIVE BY COB MONDAY, MAY 13, AT LEAST AN OUTLINE
OF SCHEDULE AND PROPOSALS THAT DEPT WILL DEVELOP FOR FAHD
VISIT. MR. ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD TRY.
FAHD WILL PROBABLY TRAVEL WITH KING FROM MAY 15-18
WHEN FAISAL IS EXPECTED TO MAKE HIS SPRING PROGRESS FROM
RIYADH TO JIDDA. PRINCE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR THESE DAYS.
IF WE ASSUME FAHD MAY STOP BRIEFLY IN LONDON, HE MIGHT
BE LEAVING JIDDA AS EARLY AS MAY 19 OR 20. IT IS
HIGHLY DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, THAT SCHEDULE OUTLINE BE
GIVEN TO FAHD AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SAG DELEGATION BEFORE
COURT DEPARTS RIYADH ON MAY 15.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US IF THERE WOULD BE
ANYTHING PLANNED AFTER THE FORMAL TALKS. THEY HAVE
SUGGESTED SHOWING FAHD THE HOUSTON SPACE CENTER, DAMS
AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN THE WEST, NUCLEAR PLANTS,
NUCLEAR DESALINATION AND ANYTHING WE HAVE ON SOLAR ENERGY.
PLEASE LET EMBASSY KNOW IF ANY SUCH TRAVEL IS PLANNED.
WE URGE THAT SOMETHING BE OFFERED, AND ARE QUITE SURE HE WOULD
BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT.

4. SECRETARY ASKED AMBASSADOR TO RETURN FOR TALKS. HE
WILL BE ARRIVING MAY 21 AND WILL STAY THROUGH FORMAL
TALKS BUT WILL NOT, RPT NOT ACCOMPANY FAHD ON FURTHER TOUR UNLESS
DEPARTMENT SEES SOME OVERWHELMING REASON FOR DOING SO.

5. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE SECRETARY SISCO AND PETER
FLANIGAN BEFORE FAHD ARRIVAL. PLEASE CONFIRM IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

6. GERMAN EMBASSY HAS ASKED THAT WE KEEP THEM INFORMED
OF FAHD'S DATES AND PLANS BECAUSE THEY ARE PREPARING
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FOR ARRIVAL OF HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY ON MAY 19. DELEGATION HOPED TO MEET WITH PRINCE FAHD,
HISHAM NAZER, ZAKI YAMNI, AND ABDUL HADY TAHER MAY 20 AND 21.

7. EMBASSY WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FAHD OVER
NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL REPORT ASAP ON HIS SPECIFIC TRAVEL PLANS
AND FINAL COMPOSITION OF SAUDI DELEGATION.

8. ACTION REQUESTS: A) PROVISION OF PROGRAM SUMMARY BY
COB MAY 13 IF POSSIBLE; B) CONFIRMATION DISCUSSIONS TO BE
ON MAY 23 AND 24; C) INFO ON US TRAVEL FOR FAHD AFTER
WASHINGTON TALKS; D) ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS FOR
AMBASSADOR; E) WORD ON SISCO/FLANIGAN MEETINGS; F) MAKING
OF RESERVATIONS FROM MAY 21 TO 24
A) COLUMBIA PLAZA , OR B) FRANCIS SCOTT KEY FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS.
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